

HERSETH SANDLIN STATEMENT ON MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION

Washington, DC-Today, the President declared a major disaster exists in parts of South Dakota affected by flooding that began in March. Thirty counties across South Dakota will be eligible for federal aid because of this declaration.

“The spring flooding our state experienced caused significant damage to rural areas across South Dakota,” Rep. Herseth Sandlin said. “This presidential disaster declaration will help aid the ongoing recovery, and I will continue to work with state and local officials, as well as tribal leaders, to assist in these efforts.”

Rep. Herseth Sandlin recently joined Senators Johnson and Thune in writing the President to support Governor Rounds’ request for a disaster declaration. She held eight community meeting in April to discuss ways South Dakota can improve its ability to respond to the current flooding and mitigate the effects of future flooding.

Counties eligible for assistance include: Aurora, Beadle, Brown, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Clark, Clay, Codington, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hanson, Hutchinson, Hyde, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lyman, Marshall, McCook, McPherson, Miner, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, Sully, Turner, and Union Counties.

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